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SUBJECT.

Duties and Responsibilities of Police in Connection with ARP. Cooperation between Civic Guards & C-D.

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From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Rt Sd.
No F. 3(27)-42/W dated 5th June 42
forwarding a copy of Civil Defence Dept
letter dated 19th May 42 re: Co-operation between
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Keen copy is enclosed to the Reg letter
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of the Police in connection with A.R.P.
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the resources if action is taken
to train the Civic Guards & the
Police also, as A.R.P. measures

Submitted

Law Secy

Yes. Please give me [illegible]

CHIEF SECRETARY
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FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To MAR 1 1942

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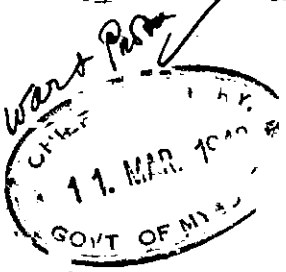
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 11th March *194*



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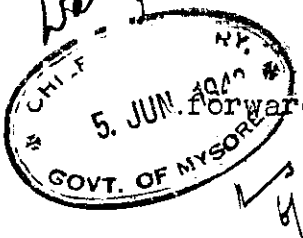

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By order, etc.,

For SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
CIVIL DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.
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To

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